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Substitute Amendment Request for SB 182

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Aaron,

I have attached some drafting instructions for a substitute amendment. When you get a chance to look at this please call so we can walk through it. The assembly is exec-ing this June 5th so there is a rush because they want this sub for the exec. I have based my instructions as if the bill did not exist, so any provisions kept from the bill are included in the attached instructions.

Thank you VERY much, I know you have a lot on your plate.

Lane Oling Office of Senator Jerry Petrowski 29th Senate District (608) 266-2502

Substitute Amendment AB 200, SB 182

I. Commercial Motor Vehicle

Create a definition for "Heavy Duty Vehicles" (instead of "commercial vehicles" as in the bill). The language example is as follows:

Heavy Duty Vehicle means any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle—

- (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater; or
- (2) Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
- (3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation

II. Create a definition for "Out of service"

"Out of service," with respect to a motor vehicle means the following:

- 1. The vehicle is in the possession of the manufacturer, motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of performing or attempting repairs to correct a nonconformity.
- 2. The vehicle is in the possession of the consumer and the vehicle has a nonconformity that substantially affects the <u>value</u>, use, or safety of the vehicle and that has been subject to a previous repair attempt to correct the same nonconformity.

III. Refund Timeline

In order to commence a claim for repair, replacement of refund under 218.0171, the consumer must complete a Repair, Replacement or Refund Notice form (or whatever DOT will call it). DOT would have rulemaking authority to create this form. Upon the completion of this form to the satisfaction of the manufacturer, the timeline begins (30 for refund, 45 for comparable non heavy duty vehicle, 90 for heavy duty vehicle) to toll. If the form does not fulfill statutorily required elements, manufacturer must request additional statutory information within 30 days. Once the additional information is received, the timeline begins (30 for refund, 45 for comparable auto, 90 for heavy duty vehicle). The form will require the consumer to provide the following information:

- 1. Election of refund, replacement or comparable vehicle
- 2. Name of lien holder
- 3. Mileage at first incident
- 4. Contact information
- 5. Dealer's name, date of delivery and purchase price

6. Itemization of other damages

IV. Automobile Replacement

If the consumer elects a comparable new motor vehicle, the manufacturer shall provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle within the 45 day period. If no comparable vehicle exists or is not available for delivery, the manufacturer shall provide a refund for 100% of the purchase price in lieu of providing a comparable vehicle and shall provide this refund no later than 45 days after the Repair Replacement Form completed or the election of a comparable motor vehicle, whichever is later. Statutorily require that the manufacturer must exercise due diligence.

The purpose of including the 100% purchase price is because under current law a refund is calculated on a use-reduction basis. We want to provide an incentive for the manufacturer to find a comparable vehicle by requiring that if they cannot procure a comparable vehicle they must provide a full refund without the use deduction calculation under section 218.0171.

V. Commercial Replacement

Give commercial vehicles 90 days to provide comparable vehicle. If the consumer elects a comparable new motor vehicle, the manufacturer shall provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle within the 90 day period. If no comparable vehicle exists or is not available for delivery, the manufacturer shall provide a refund for 100% of the purchase price in lieu of providing a comparable vehicle and shall provide this refund no later than 90 days after the Repair Replacement Form completed or the election of a comparable motor vehicle, whichever is later. Statutorily require that the manufacturer must exercise due diligence.

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VI. Refund

Amend 218.0171(2)(c) to read: When the manufacturer provides the new motor vehicle or refund, the consumer shall return the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to the manufacturer and provide the manufacturer with the certificate of title and all endorsements necessary to transfer title to the manufacturer. If another person is in possession of the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the DOT, that person shall, upon request of the consumer, provide the certificate of title to the manufacturer upon satisfaction of any security interest in the motor vehicle. (this language is identical to sb 182).

VII. Negotiated Written Settlement

Change the language so that branding requirement of the lemon law remains in intact. Delete provision making negotiated settlements void and create: "If the consumer enters into a negotiated written settlement with the manufacturer regarding any motor vehicle nonconformity, the manufacturer shall no longer be subject to any requirement of this section with respect to that motor vehicle, excluding the

provision requiring branding of title. What we intend to do here is prevent the manufacturer from washing title after entering into an agreement with a consumer, thus potentially making the consumer liable.

VIII. Statute of Limitations

In addition to pursuing any other remedy, a consumer may bring an action to recover for any damages caused by a violation of this section if the action is commenced within 36 months after first delivery of the motor vehicle to the consumer. Legal rights accrue and vest 12 months after delivery, and suit must be filed within 36 months.

IX. Good Faith Provision

Insert language requiring that all parties act in good faith. Potential Language: "Good faith required. If the court finds that either party has intentionally failed to reasonably co-operate with the other party's efforts to comply with obligations under this section, for purposes of hindering the other party's ability to comply with or seek recovery under this section, the court may extend deadlines set herein, reduce the penalty damages or attorney's fees and costs awarded, or strike pleadings and enter default judgment."

X. Damages

Change language to mandatory award but no double damages. The court shall award a consumer who prevails in such an action the amount of any pecuniary loss, together with costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney fees, and may award any equitable relief the court deems appropriate.

XI. Jury Issue

Make substitute amendment clear that it eliminates jury trials for lemon law cases.

XII. Initial Applicability

This act first applies with respect to motor vehicles for which the express warranty commences on the effective date of this subsection

Gary, Aaron

From:

Oling, Lane

Sent:

Friday, May 31, 2013 11:20 AM

To:

Gary, Aaron

Cc:

Fiocchi, Tim; David, Curt

Subject:

FW: Tweaks to Sub Amendment for Lemon Law

Attachments:

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- 1) Change process when consumer elects a comparable vehicle. We would like to insert additional language that **if and only if** a consumer elects a comparable vehicle, the manufacturer must agree in writing within 30 days to either find a comparable vehicle or provide a full purchase price refund. Full purchase price refund should mean a 100% purchase price refund, as opposed to a use-reduction based refund provide for in statute. Once that agreement is entered into, then they will receive the extra time to comply (whether that is an extra 15 days or 60 days). Also, language should be included that ensures the manufacturer reserves the right to provide a full purchase price refund even if they agree to provide a comparable vehicle should that vehicle not exists or not be available for delivery. If the consumer elects a refund, nothing would change from current law under the sub amendment. It would still be subject to use reduction and required within 30 days. I have attached some potential language.
- 2) Include language in the written negotiated settlement provision that would prevent a manufacturer from using Power of Attorney on behalf of the consumer in transferring title. We want to prevent manufacturers from ignoring the branding requirement by obtaining a Power of Attorney from the consumer, with which the title is laundered through a non-branding state, even if resold in Wisconsin.
- 3) Insert a provision requiring the vehicle be returned to the manufacturer upon satisfaction of judgment. (I have attached language from bill that we would like to keep).

Thank you very much,

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Potential Language

Comparable Vehicles

If the consumer elects a comparable new motor vehicle, no later than 30 days after receipt of the Repair, Replace, or Refund Notice Form, the manufacturer must agree in writing to provide a comparable vehicle or a full purchase price refund. Upon the consumer's receipt of the written agreement, the manufacturer will have an additional 15 days past the 30 day deadline to either provide the comparable vehicle or full purchase price refund. The manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle within this 45 day period. If the manufacturer agrees to provide a comparable vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide a full purchase price refund if no comparable vehicle exists or cannot be delivered within the before the 45 day deadline. This subdivision does not apply with respect to heavy duty vehicles.

Comparable Vehicles - Heavy Duty Vehicles

Except as provided in this subdivision, if the consumer elects a comparable new motor vehicle, no later than 30 days after receipt of the Repair, Replace, or Refund Notice Form, the manufacturer must agree in writing to provide a comparable vehicle or a full purchase price refund. Upon the consumer's receipt of the written agreement, the manufacturer will have an additional 60 days past the original 30 day deadline to either provide the comparable vehicle or full purchase price refund. The manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle within this 60 day period. If the manufacturer agrees to provide a comparable vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide a full purchase price refund if no comparable vehicle exists or cannot be delivered within the 60 day deadline.

A "full purchase price refund" is the total purchase cost of the motor vehicle and is not subject to the use-reduction calculation provided for in 218.0171(2)(b)2.b.

Return of Motor Vehicle

When the manufacturer provides the new motor vehicle or refund, the consumer shall return the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to the manufacturer and provide the manufacturer with the certificate of title and all endorsements necessary to transfer title to the manufacturer.

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One (hopefully final) addition for the sub.

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- 1. The vehicle is in the possession of the manufacturer, motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of performing or attempting repairs to correct the nonconformity.
- 2. The vehicle is in possession of the consumer and all of the following apply:
 - a. The vehicle has a nonconformity.
 - b. The consumer has reported in a form and manner prescribed by the department of transportation and available online, the nonconformity to the manufacturer, motor vehicle lessor, or manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealer and the manufacturer, lessor, or dealer has refused to accept the vehicle for the purposes of performing or attempting subsequent repairs.

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AN ACT to renumber and amend 218.0171 (2) (c); to amend 218.0171 (2) (b)

2. a., 218.0171 (2) (cm) 1. and 2. and 218.0171 (7); and to create 218.0171 (1)

(am), 218.0171 (1) (g), 218.0171 (2) (c) 3., 4. and 5., 218.0171 (2) (cm) 4., 218.0171

(6m), 218.0171 (8) and 227.01 (13) (yd) of the statutes; **relating to:** the law governing repair, replacement, and refund under a motor vehicle warranty.

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Analysis by the Legistative Reference Bureau

Currently the law governing repair, replacement, and refund under a motor vehicle warranty, commonly referred to as the "lemon law," provides remedies for a person who purchases, receives, or leases (consumer) a motor vehicle that is under an express warranty and that has a nonconformity. A "nonconformity" is defined as a condition or defect that substantially impairs the use, value, or safety of the motor vehicle and that is covered by an express warranty, but does not include a condition or defect that is the result of abuse, neglect, or unauthorized modification or alteration of the motor vehicle by the consumer.

Under current law, if a consumer reports a nonconformity to the manufacturer or manufacturer's agent such as the importer or distributor (manufacturer), the lessor of the motor vehicle (lessor) if the consumer is leasing the vehicle, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers (authorized dealers) and if the consumer makes the motor vehicle available for repair before the warranty expires or within one year after first delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever is sooner, the consumer is entitled to have the nonconformity repaired. If, after a

reasonable attempt to repair, the nonconformity is not repaired, the manufacturer must provide the consumer with a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund, at the consumer's option. "Reasonable attempt to repair" is defined as any of the following occurring within the warranty period or within one year after first delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever is sooner: 1) the same/nonconformity is subject to repair by the manufacturer, lessor, or authorized dealer at least four times and the nonconformity continues; or 2) the motor vehicle is out of service for an aggregate of at least 30 days because of nonconformities. To/receive a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund, the consumer must offer to transfer title of the vehicle with the nonconformity to the manufacturer and, within 30/days after this offer, the manufacturer must provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle or refund. When the manufacturer provides the new motor vehicle or refund, the consumer must return the vehicle with the nonconformity to the manufacturer along with necessary vehicle title documents. If another person is in possession of the vehicle's certificate of title, that person must provide the certificate to the manufacturer or to the consumer. In addition to the new replacement vehicle or refund, the consumer may bring a civil action to recover damages caused by a lemon law violation. If the consumer prevails, the court must award the consumer twice the amount of any pecuniary loss, along with costs and reasonable attorney fees.

This bill creates a definition of "out of service," which affects whether a "reasonable attempt to repair" has been made under item 2), above. Under the bill, "out of service" means that a motor vehicle is unable to be used by the consumer for the vehicle's intended purpose as a result of any of the following: 1) the vehicle is in the possession of the manufacturer, lessor, or authorized dealer for the purpose of performing or attempting repairs to correct a nonconformity; or 2) the vehicle is in the consumer's possession and all of the following apply: a) the vehicle has a nonconformity that substantially affects the use or safety of the vehicle and that has been subject to a previous repair attempt to correct the same nonconformity; and b) the consumer has reported, in writing, the nonconformity to the manufacturer, lessor, or authorized dealer and the manufacturer, lessor, or dealer has refused to accept the vehicle for the purpose of performing or attempting subsequent repairs.

Under the bill, if a consumer elects to receive a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund and offers to transfer/title of the vehicle with the nonconformity to the manufacturer, the deadline for the manufacturer to provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle or refund, discussed further below, is measured from the later of the election or the offer, except as discussed below. The bill also requires a consumer requesting a refund to provide to the manufacturer, in a form and manner prescribed by the Department of Transportation (DOT), all information timely requested and required by the manufacturer and any written consent to allow the manufacturer to provide the refund. The consumer must provide this information during or prior to the 30-day period that commences with the later of the consumer's election of the refund or the consumer's offer to transfer title to the manufacturer of the vehicle with the nonconformity. If the consumer fails to provide any of this information by the end of this 30-day period, the consumer may not bring a civil action to recover damages caused by a lemon law violation. Also, if a consumer

elects to receive a refund, the deadline for the manufacturer to provide the consumer with the refund can be no earlier than ten days after the manufacturer receives from the consumer the required information and consent in the form and manner prescribed by DOT.

The bill also extends the time in which a manufacturer must provide a comparable new motor vehicle to a consumer who elects to receive a comparable new motor vehicle, from 30 days to 45 days after the later of the election or offer. If no comparable new motor vehicle is available for delivery within this 45-day period, the manufacturer must provide a refund in lieu of providing the comparable new motor vehicle. The manufacturer must exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle during this 45-day period. These changes also apply if the comparable new motor vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, except that the applicable period is 120 days rather than 45 days.

The bill also imposes additional limitations on civil actions brought to recover damages caused by lemon law violations. Under the bill, any action must be commenced within 24 months after first delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer. The bill also makes an award for pecuniary loss, costs, and attorney fees to a prevailing consumer in such an action discretionary with the court or jury rather than mandatory. The bill further eliminates the provision requiring the award of twice the amount of a prevailing consumer's pecuniary loss and instead allows an award of up to the amount of the prevailing consumer's pecuniary loss.

This bill specifies that, if a consumer enters into a negotiated written settlement with the manufacturer regarding a vehicle nonconformity, the manufacturer is no longer subject to any requirement under the lemon law with respect to that vehicle.

Also under this bill, if a consumer returns a vehicle with a nonconformity to the manufacturer and another person is in possession of the vehicle's certificate of title, that person must provide the certificate of title to the manufacturer, not the consumer, upon satisfaction of any security interest in the vehicle.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 218.0171 (1) (and) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (1) (am) 1. Subject to subd. 2., "commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed to transport passengers or property and having one or more of the following characteristics:

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weight of more than 10,000 pounds.

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a. The vehicle is a single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001
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b. The vehicle is a combination vehicle with a gross combination weight rating,
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c. The vehicle is designed to transport the driver and 15 or more passengers. If the vehicle is equipped with bench type seats intended to seat more than one person, the passenger-carrying capacity shall be determined under s. 340.01 (31) or, if the vehicle is a school bus, by dividing the total seating space measured in inches by 13.

towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating, registered weight or actual gross

2. "Commercial motor vehicle" does not include a motor home, as defined in s. 340.01 (33m).

SECTION 2. 218.0171 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (1) (g) "Out of service," with respect to a motor vehicle, means that the vehicle is unable to be used by the consumer for the vehicle's intended purpose as a result of any of the following:

- 1. The vehicle is in the possession of the manufacturer, motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of performing or attempting repairs to correct a nonconformity.
 - 2. The vehicle is in the possession of the consumer and all of the following apply:
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SECTION 3. 218.0171 (2) (b) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (b) 2. a. Accept return of the motor vehicle and, subject to par. (c)

3. and 4, replace the motor vehicle with a comparable new motor vehicle and refund any collateral costs.

SECTION 4. 218.0171 (2) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 218.0171 (2) (c) 1. and amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (c) 1. To receive a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund due under par. (b) 1. or 2., a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2. or 3. shall offer to the manufacturer of the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to transfer title of that motor vehicle to that manufacturer. No

- 2. Subject to subd. 5., if the consumer elects a refund, no later than 30 days after that the offer under subd. 1. or the election of the refund, whichever is later, the manufacturer shall provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle or refund. During or prior to this 30-day period, the consumer shall provide to the manufacturer, in a form and manner prescribed by the department of transportation, all information timely requested and required by the manufacturer and any written consent to allow the manufacturer to provide the refund. If the consumer fails to provide any of this information by the end of this 30-day period, the consumer may not bring an action under sub. (7).
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manufacturer and provide the manufacturer with the certificate of title and all endorsements necessary to transfer title to the manufacturer. If another person is in passession of the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the department of transportation, that person shall, upon request of the consumer, provide the certificate of title to the manufacturer or to the consumer upon satisfaction of any security interest in the motor vehicle.

Section 5. 218.0171 (2) (c) 3., 4. and 5. of the statutes are created to read:

218.0171 (2) (c) 3. Except as provided in this subdivision, if the consumer elects a comparable new motor vehicle, no later than 45 days after the offer under subd. 1. or the election of the new motor vehicle, whichever is later, the manufacturer shall provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle. The manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in logating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle within this 45-day period. If no comparable new motor vehicles exists or if a comparable new motor vehicle is otherwise unavailable for delivery within this 45-day period, the manufacturer shall provide a refund in lieu of providing a comparable new motor vehicle and shall provide this refund no later than 45 days after the offer under subd. 1. or the election of the new motor vehicle, whichever is later. This subdivision does not apply with respect to commercial motor vehicles.

4. Except as provided in this subdivision, if the consumer elects a comparable new commercial motor vehicle, no later than 120 days after the offer under subd. 1. or the election of the new commercial motor vehicle, whichever is later, the manufacture shall provide the consumer with the comparable new commercial motor vehicle. The manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new commercial motor vehicle within this 120-day period. If no comparable new commercial motor vehicles exists or if a comparable new

commercial motor vehicle is otherwise unavailable for delivery within this 120-day period, the manufacturer shall provide a refund in lieu of providing a comparable new commercial motor vehicle and shall provide this refund no later than 120 days after the offer under subd. 1. or the election of the new commercial motor vehicle, whichever is later.

5. A manufacturer is not required to provide a consumer with a refund under subd. 2. less than 10 days after the manufacturer receives from the consumer the information and consent required under subd. 2., in the form and manner specified in sub. (8).

SECTION 6. 218.01\(\chi\)1 (2) (cm) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (cm) 1. To receive a refund due under par. (b) 3., a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 4 shall offer to the manufacturer of the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to return that motor vehicle to that manufacturer. No Subject to subd. 4., no later than 80 days after that offer, the manufacturer shall provide the refund to the consumer. During or prior to this 30-day period, the consumer shall provide to the manufacturer, in a form and manner prescribed by the department of transportation, all information timely requested and required by the manufacturer and any written consent to allow the manufacturer to provide the refund. If the consumer fails to provide any of this information by the end of this 30-day period, the consumer may not bring an action under sub. (7). When the manufacturer provides the refund, the consumer shall return the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to the manufacturer.

2. To receive a refund due under par. (b) 3., a motor vehicle lessor shall offer to the manufacturer of the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to transfer title of that motor vehicle to that manufacturer. No Subject to subd. 4., no later than 30 days

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SECTION 7. 2/18.0171 (2) (cm) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171(2) (cm) 4. A manufacturer is not required to provide a consumer with a refund under subd. 1. or a motor vehicle lessor a refund under subd. 2. less than 10 days after the manufacturer receives from the consumer the information and consent required under subd. 1. or 2., in the form and manner specified in sub. (8)

SECTION 8. 218.0171 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (6m) Notwithstanding subs. (2) (b) and (6), if the consumer enters into a negotiated written settlement with the manufacturer regarding any motor vehicle nonconformity, the manufacturer shall no longer be subject to any requirement of this section with respect to that motor vehicle.

SECTION 9. 218.0171 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

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pursuing any other remedy, a consumer may bring an action to recover for any damages caused by a violation of this section if the action is commenced within 24

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months after first delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer. The court shall or jury

may award a consumer who prevails in such an action twice up to the amount of any

pecuniary loss, together with costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney fees, and

any equitable relief the court determines appropriate.

SECTION 10. 218.0171 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (8) The department of transportation shall prescribe a form and manner for consumers to provide information and consent to manufacturers for purposes of sub. (2) (c) 2. and (cm) 1. and 2.

SECTION 11. 227.01 (13) (yd) of the statutes is created to read:

227.01 (13) (yd) Relates to any form or manner of providing information and consent prescribed by the department of transportation under s. 218.0171 (8).

SECTION 12. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies with respect to motor vehicles for which the express warranty commences on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 13. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after publication.

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1	INSERT 3-1:
2	SECTION 1. 218.0171 (1) (bt) of the statutes is created to read:
3	218.0171 (1) (bt) "Heavy-duty vehicle" means any motor vehicle used on a
$\frac{4}{5}$	highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property if any of the following apply:
6	1. The motor vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating or actual gross weight
7	of more than 10,000 pounds.
8	2. The motor vehicle is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers,
9	including the driver, for compensation.
10	3. The motor vehicle is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers,
11	including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation.
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13	INSERT 5-1:
14	(no $\{l\}$) on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 1.,
15	INSERT 5-4:
16	SECTION 2. 218.0171 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
17	218.0171 (2) (a) If a new motor vehicle does not conform to an applicable
18	express warranty and the consumer reports the nonconformity to the manufacturer,
19	the motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle
20	dealers on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 1. and makes the motor vehicle available
21	for repair before the expiration of the warranty or one year after first delivery of the
22	motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever is sooner, the nonconformity shall be
23	repaired.
	History: 1983 a. 48; 1985 a. 205 ss. 1m to 6, 8; 1987 a. 105, 169, 323, 403; 1989 a. 31 s. 287; Stats. 1999 s. 218.0171; 2001 a. 45; 2009 a. 2; 2011 a. 32.

SECTION 3. 218.0171 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (b) 1. If after a reasonable attempt to repair the nonconformity is not repaired and if the consumer provides the manufacturer with the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2, or 3, the manufacturer shall carry out the requirement under subd.

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SECTION 4. 218.0171 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (c) To receive a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund due under par. (b) 1. or 2., a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2. or 3. shall offer to the manufacturer of the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to transfer title of that motor vehicle to that manufacturer. No later than 30 days after that offer, the manufacturer shall provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle or refund. When the manufacturer provides the new motor vehicle or refund, the consumer shall return the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to the manufacturer and provide the manufacturer with the certificate of title and all endorsements necessary to transfer title to the manufacturer. If another person is in possession of the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the department of transportation, that person shall, upon request of the consumer, provide the certificate of title to the manufacturer or to the consumer upon satisfaction of any security interest in the motor vehicle.

History: 1983 a. 48; 1985 a. 205 ss. 1m to 6, 8; 1987 a. 105, 169, 323, 407; 1989 a. 31; 1999 a. 31 s. 287; Stats. 1999 s. 218.0171; 2001 a. 45; 2009 a. 2; 2011 a. 32. SECTION 5. 218.0171 (2) (cg) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (2) (cg) 1. If a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2. or 3. elects a comparable new motor vehicle on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2., no later than



a comparable new motor vehicle or a full purchase price refund. Upon the consumer's receipt of this writing, the manufacturer shall have until the 45th day after receiving from the consumer the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2. to either provide the comparable new motor vehicle or a full purchase price refund. During this period, the manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle. If the manufacturer agrees to provide a comparable new motor vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide a full purchase price refund if no comparable new motor vehicle exists or cannot be delivered within this 45 day period. This subdivision does not apply with respect to heavy-duty vehicles.

2. If a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2. or 3. elects a comparable new motor vehicle on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2., no later than 30 days after receiving this form the manufacturer shall agree in writing to provide a comparable new motor vehicle or a full purchase price refund. Upon the consumer's receipt of this writing, the manufacturer shall have until the 90th day after receiving from the consumer the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2. to either provide the comparable new motor vehicle or a full purchase price refund. During this period, the manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle. If the manufacturer agrees to provide a comparable new motor vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide a full purchase price refund if no comparable new motor vehicle exists or cannot be delivered within this 90 day period. This subdivision applies only with respect to heavy-duty vehicles.

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endorsements necessary to transfer title to the manufacturer. If another person is
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218.0171 (2) (cq) Upon payment of a refund to a consumer under par. (b) 2. b. or (cg) 1, or 2, the manufacturer shall provide to the consumer a written statement that specifies the trade-in amount previously applied under s. 77.51 (12m) (b) 5. or 6. or (15b) (b) 5. or 6. toward the sales price of the motor vehicle having the nonconformity and the date on which the manufacturer provided the refund.

History: 1983 a. 48; 1985 a. 205 ss. 1m to 6, 8; 1987 a. 105, 169, 323 33; 1989 a. 31; 1999 a. 31 s. 287; Stats. 1999 s. 218.0171; 2001 a. 45; 2009 a. 2; 2011 a. 32. **SECTION 7.** 218.0171 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (d) No motor vehicle returned by a consumer or motor vehicle lessor in this state under par. (b) or sub. (6m), or by a consumer or motor vehicle lessor in another state under a similar law of that state, may be sold or leased again in this state unless full disclosure of the reasons for return is made to any prospective buyer or lessee. A manufacturer may not use a power of attorney to act as an agent of a consumer for purposes of transferring title to a motor vehicle returned to the manufacturer under this section.

History: 1983 a. 48; 1985 a. 205 ss. 1m to 6, 8; 1987 a. 105, 160 323, 403; 1989 a. 31; 1999 a. 31 s. 287; Stats. 1999 s. 218.0171; 2001 a. 45; 2009 a. 2; 2011 a. 32. **SECTION 8.** 218.0171 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (5) This Except as provided in sub. (7) (b) and (c), this section does not limit rights or remedies available to a consumer under any other law.

History: 1983 a. 48; 1985 a. 205 ss. 1m to 6, 8; 1987 a. 105, 169, 323, 403; 1989 a. 31; 1999 a. 31 s. 287; Stats. 1999 s. 218.0171; 2001 a. 45; 2009 a. 2; 2011 a. 32.

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2	SECTION 9. 218.0171 (7) (b) and (c) of the statutes are created to read:
3	218.0171 (7) (b) Notwithstanding ss. 799.21 (3) and 805.01, a trial by jury is
4	not available in any action for a violation under this section.
5	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or ch. 802, 804, or 806,
6	in an action for a violation under this section, if a court finds that any party to the
7	action has intentionally failed to reasonably cooperate with another party's efforts
8	to comply with obligations under this section, for purposes of hindering the other
9	party's ability to comply with or seek recovery under this section, the court may
(10)	extend any deadlines specified in this section, reduce any damages, attorney fees,
11	or costs that may be awarded under par. (a), strike pleadings, or enter default
12	judgment against the offending party.
13	INSERT 9-6:
14	218.0171 (8) (a) The department of transportation shall prescribe one or more
15	forms for consumers to use for all of the following:
16	1. To report a nonconformity to the manufacturer, the motor vehicle lessor, or
17	any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of having
(18)	the nonconformity repaired single of the land to the land of the l
19	2. To elect that a manufacturer replace a motor vehicle with a comparable new
20	motor vehicle as provided under sub. (2) (b) 2. a. \checkmark
21	3. To elect that a manufacturer make a refund as provided under sub. (2) (b)
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23	(b) The department shall make any form specified in par. (a) available on the
24	department's Internet site. Any form specified in par. (a) shall require the consumer
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- 2. Identification of the motor vehicle dealer from which the motor vehicle was purchased, the date of delivery of the motor vehicle from the dealer, and the purchase price of the motor vehicle.
- 3. Identification of any holder of a perfected security interest in the consumer's motor vehicle.
- 4. The mileage of the motor vehicle at the time the first nonconformity is asserted to have occurred.
- 5. If the form is to be used for the purpose of making an election described in par. (a) 2. or 3., a place on the form to make the election.
 - 6. An itemization of any other damages claimed by the consumer.
- (c) If any form specified in par. (a) is required under this section to be used by a consumer and the consumer has not provided all information required under par. (b) to the satisfaction of the manufacturer, the manufacturer may, within 30 days of receiving the form, request that the consumer provide additional information required under par. (b). If the manufacturer makes such a timely request for additional information, any time period under sub. (2) (c), (cg) 1. or 2., or (cm) 1. does not begin to elapse until the consumer provides this additional information.

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Please review the attached (raft) carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

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Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached traft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft

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June 3, 2013

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Gary, Aaron

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Oling, Lane

Sent:

Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:32 PM

To:

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Subject:

RE: Lemon law draft

Yes, and no rush on that. Just wanted to make sure you had it.

Thank you very much for all of work throughout this.

Lane

From: Gary, Aaron

Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:24 PM

To: Oling, Lane **Cc:** Fiocchi, Tim

Subject: RE: Lemon law draft

Hi Lane,

I got the jacket back for the SB-182 sub, LRBs0066/1. Do you want me to redraft it to be identical to the assembly version (LRBs0068/2)?

Thanks. Aaron

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Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 12:29 PM

To: Gary, Aaron

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Thank you very much for that extremely quick turnaround!! Again, apologies for the timeline. I will read this through this and be in touch.

Lane Oling Office of Senator Jerry Petrowski 29th Senate District (608) 266-2502



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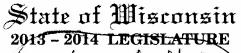
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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

TO ASSEMBLY BILL 200 182

June 4/2013 Offered by Representative KRAMER.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 218.0171 (7); to amend 218.0171 (2) (a), 218.0171 (2) (b) 1., 218.0171 (2) (b) 2. a., 218.0171 (2) (c), 218.0171 (2) (cq), 218.0171 (2) (d) and 218.0171 (5); and to create 218.0171 (1) (bt), 218.0171 (1)

(g), 218.0171 (2) (cg), 218.0171 (6m), 218.0171 (7) (b), 218.0171 (8) and 227.01

(13) (yd) of the statutes; **relating to:** the law governing repair, replacement,

and refund under a motor vehicle warranty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 218.0171 (1) (bt) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (1) (bt) "Heavy-duty vehicle" means any motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating or actual gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds.

Section 2. 218.0171 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (1) (g) "Out of service," with respect to a motor vehicle, means that
the vehicle is unable to be used by the consumer for the vehicle's intended purpose
as a result of any of the following:
1. The vehicle is in the possession of the manufacturer motor vehicle lesser or

- 1. The vehicle is in the possession of the manufacturer, motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of performing or attempting repairs to correct a nonconformity.
- 2. The vehicle is in the possession of the consumer and the vehicle has a nonconformity that substantially affects the use or safety of the vehicle.

SECTION 3. 218.0171 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (a) If a new motor vehicle does not conform to an applicable express warranty and the consumer reports the nonconformity to the manufacturer, the motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 1. and makes the motor vehicle available for repair before the expiration of the warranty or one year after first delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever is sooner, the nonconformity shall be repaired.

SECTION 4. 218.0171 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (b) 1. If after a reasonable attempt to repair the nonconformity is not repaired and if the consumer provides the manufacturer with the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2. or 3., the manufacturer shall carry out the requirement under subd. 2. or 3., whichever is appropriate.

Section 5. 218.0171 (2) (b) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (b) 2. a. Accept return of the motor vehicle and, subject to par. (cg), replace the motor vehicle with a comparable new motor vehicle and refund any collateral costs.

Section 6. 218.0171 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (c) To receive a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund due under par. (b) 1. or 2., a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2. or 3. shall offer to the manufacturer of the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to transfer title of that motor vehicle to that manufacturer. No later than 30 days after that offer, the manufacturer shall provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle or refund. When the manufacturer provides the new motor vehicle or refund, the consumer shall return the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to the manufacturer and provide the manufacturer with the certificate of title and all endorsements necessary to transfer title to the manufacturer. If another person is in possession of the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the department of transportation, that person shall, upon request of the consumer, provide the certificate of title to the manufacturer or to the consumer upon satisfaction of any security interest in the motor vehicle.

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vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide the refund if no comparable new motor vehicle exists or cannot be delivered within this 45-day period. This subdivision does not apply with respect to heavy-duty vehicles.

- 2. If a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2., or 3. elects a comparable new motor vehicle on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2., no later than 30 days after receiving this form the manufacturer shall agree in writing to provide a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund of the full purchase price plus any sales tax, finance charge, amount paid by the consumer at the point of sale, and collateral costs. Upon the consumer's receipt of this writing, the manufacturer shall have until the 120th day after receiving from the consumer the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2. to either provide the comparable new motor vehicle or the refund. During this period, the manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle. If the manufacturer agrees to provide a comparable new motor vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide the refund if no comparable new motor vehicle exists or cannot be delivered within this 120-day period. This subdivision applies only with respect to heavy-duty vehicles.
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4	6. or (15b) (b) 5. or 6. toward the sales price of the motor vehicle having the
5	nonconformity and the date on which the manufacturer provided the refund.
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10	state unless full disclosure of the reasons for return is made to any prospective buyer
11	or lessee. A manufacturer may not use a power of attorney to act as an agent of a
12	consumer for purposes of transferring title to a motor vehicle returned to the
13	manufacturer under this section.
14	Section 10. 218.0171 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
15	218.0171 (5) This Except as provided in sub. (7) (b), this section does not limit
16	rights or remedies available to a consumer under any other law.
17	SECTION 11. 218.0171 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:
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19	into a negotiated written settlement with the manufacturer regarding any motor
20	vehicle nonconformity, the manufacturer shall no longer be subject to any
21	requirement of this section, except for sub. (2) (d), with respect to that motor vehicle.
22	This subsection applies only with respect to heavy-duty vehicles.
23	SECTION 12. 218.0171 (7) of the statutes is renumbered 218.0171 (7) (a) and
24	amended to read:

218.0171 (7) (a) In addition to pursuing any other remedy, a consumer may bring an action to recover for any damages caused by a violation of this section if the action is commenced within 36 months after first delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer. The court shall award a consumer who prevails in such an action twice the amount of any pecuniary loss, together with costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney fees, and may award any equitable relief the court determines appropriate.

Section 13. 218.0171 (7) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (7) (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or ch. 802, 804, or 806, in an action for a violation under this section, if a court finds that any party to the action has failed to reasonably cooperate with another party's efforts to comply with obligations under this section, which hinders the other party's ability to comply with or seek recovery under this section, the court may extend any deadlines specified in this section, reduce any damages, attorney fees, or costs that may be awarded under par. (a), strike pleadings, or enter default judgment against the offending party.

SECTION 14. 218.0171 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (8) (a) The department of transportation shall prescribe one or more forms for consumers to use for all of the following:

- 1. To report a nonconformity to the manufacturer, the motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of having the nonconformity repaired.
- 2. To elect that a manufacturer replace a motor vehicle with a comparable new motor vehicle as provided under sub. (2) (b) 2. a.
- 3. To elect that a manufacturer make a refund as provided under sub. (2) (b) 2. or 3.

1	(b) The department shall make any form specified in par. (a) available on the
2	department's Internet site. Any form specified in par. (a) shall require the consumer
3	to provide all of the following information:
4	1. The consumer's contact information.
5	2. Identification of the motor vehicle dealer from which the motor vehicle was
6	purchased, the date of delivery of the motor vehicle from the dealer, and the purchase
7	price of the motor vehicle.
8	3. Identification of any holder of a perfected security interest in the consumer's
9	motor vehicle.
10	4. The mileage of the motor vehicle at the time the first nonconformity is
11	asserted to have occurred.
12	5. If the form is to be used for the purpose of making an election described in
13	par. (a) 2. or 3., a place on the form to make the election.
14	6. An itemization of any other damages claimed by the consumer.
15	(c) If any form specified in par. (a) is required under this section to be used by
16	a consumer and the consumer has not provided all information required under par.
17	(b) to the satisfaction of the manufacturer, the manufacturer may, within 30 days of
18	receiving the form, request that the consumer provide additional information
19	required under par. (b). If the manufacturer makes such a timely request for
20	additional information, any time period under sub. (2) (c), (cg) 1. or 2., or (cm) 1. does
21	not begin to elapse until the consumer provides this additional information.
22	SECTION 15. 227.01 (13) (yd) of the statutes is created to read:
23	227.01 (13) (yd) Relates to any form prescribed by the department of
24	transportation under s. 218.0171 (8).

SECTION 16. Initial applicability.

1	(1) This act first applies with respect to motor vehicles for which the express
2	warranty commences on the effective date of this subsection.
3	SECTION 17. Effective date.
4	(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after
5	publication.
6	(END)

Gary, Aaron

From:

Gary, Aaron

Sent:

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 1:22 PM

To: Cc: Oling, Lane Fiocchi, Tim

Subject:

RE: Senate sub amendment for lemon law bill

Hi Lane,

Yes, I'll need the jacket back for LRBs0066. I can then redraft it as a "/3" that incorporates the substance of AA1 to ASA1 to AB200.

Thanks, Aaron

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From: Gary, Aaron

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 12:58 PM

To: Oling, Lane Cc: Fiocchi, Tim

Subject: RE: Senate sub amendment for lemon law bill

Hi Lane,

I think where we left this was that the assembly bill is now in the senate and has been referred to the senate committee. So I think the preferred route would be for the committee to act on AB-200 (which includes all amendments passed by the assembly).

Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks. Aaron

My He w/ Tim yes, med senate SSA

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From: Oling, Lane

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 12:46 PM

To: Gary, Aaron

Subject: Senate sub amendment for lemon law bill

Good afternoon Aaron,

I am hoping to get a senate substitute amendment for SB 182 that reflects the changes to AB 200 (sub amendment and simple to the sub). Basically Senator Petrowski wants an identical bill in the Senate. I believe I still need to return the jacket for the original senate sub amendment correct?

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SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT, ${\bf TO~SENATE~BILL~182}$



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1	AN ACT to renumber and amend 218.0171 (7); to amend 218.0171 (2) (a),
2	$218.0171\ (2)\ (b)\ 1.,\ 218.0171\ (2)\ (b)\ 2.\ a.,\ 218.0171\ (2)\ (c),\ 218.0171\ (2)\ (cq),$
3	$218.0171\ (2)\ (\mathrm{d})\ \mathrm{and}\ 218.0171\ (5);\ \mathrm{and}\ \textit{to}\ \textit{create}\ 218.0171\ (1)\ (\mathrm{bt}),\ 218.0171\ (1)$
4	(g),218.0171(2)(cg),218.0171(6m),218.0171(7)(b),218.0171(8)and227.01
5	(13) (yd) of the statutes; relating to: the law governing repair, replacement,
6	and refund under a motor vehicle warranty.
	The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do

SECTION 1. 218.0171 (1) (bt) of the statutes is created to read:

vehicle weight rating or actual gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds.

SECTION 2. 218.0171 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (1) (bt) "Heavy-duty vehicle" means any motor vehicle having a gross

enact as follows:

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collateral costs.

218.0171 (1) (g) "Out of service," with respect to a motor vehicle, means that
the vehicle is unable to be used by the consumer for the vehicle's intended purpose
as a result of any of the following:
1. The vehicle is in the possession of the manufacturer, motor vehicle lessor, or
any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle dealers for the purpose of
performing or attempting repairs to correct a nonconformity.
2. The vehicle is in the possession of the consumer and the vehicle has a
nonconformity that substantially affects the use or safety of the vehicle.
SECTION 3. 218.0171 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
218.0171 (2) (a) If a new motor vehicle does not conform to an applicable
express warranty and the consumer reports the nonconformity to the manufacturer,
the motor vehicle lessor, or any of the manufacturer's authorized motor vehicle
dealers on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 1. and makes the motor vehicle available
for repair before the expiration of the warranty or one year after first delivery of the
motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever is sooner, the nonconformity shall be
repaired.
SECTION 4. 218.0171 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
218.0171 (2) (b) 1. If after a reasonable attempt to repair the nonconformity is
not repaired and if the consumer provides the manufacturer with the form specified
in sub. (8) (a) 2. or 3., the manufacturer shall carry out the requirement under subd.
2. or 3., whichever is appropriate.
SECTION 5. 218.0171 (2) (b) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:
218.0171 (2) (b) 2. a. Accept return of the motor vehicle and, subject to par. (cg),

replace the motor vehicle with a comparable new motor vehicle and refund any

SECTION 6. 218.0171 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0171 (2) (c) To receive a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund due under par. (b) 1. or 2., a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2. or 3. shall offer to the manufacturer of the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to transfer title of that motor vehicle to that manufacturer. No later than 30 days after that offer, the manufacturer shall provide the consumer with the comparable new motor vehicle or refund. When the manufacturer provides the new motor vehicle or refund, the consumer shall return the motor vehicle having the nonconformity to the manufacturer and provide the manufacturer with the certificate of title and all endorsements necessary to transfer title to the manufacturer. If another person is in possession of the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the department of transportation, that person shall, upon request of the consumer, provide the certificate of title to the manufacturer or to the consumer upon satisfaction of any security interest in the motor vehicle.

SECTION 7. 218.0171 (2) (cg) of the statutes is created to read:

218.0171 (2) (cg) 1. If a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2., or 3. elects a comparable new motor vehicle on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2., no later than 30 days after receiving this form the manufacturer shall agree in writing to provide a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund of the full purchase price plus any sales tax, finance charge, amount paid by the consumer at the point of sale, and collateral costs. Upon the consumer's receipt of this writing, the manufacturer shall have until the 45th day after receiving from the consumer the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2. to either provide the comparable new motor vehicle or the refund. During this period, the manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle. If the manufacturer agrees to provide a comparable new motor

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- vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide the refund if no comparable does not apply with respect to heavy-duty vehicles.
- 2. If a consumer described under sub. (1) (b) 1., 2., or 3. elects a comparable new motor vehicle on the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2., no later than 30 days after receiving this form the manufacturer shall agree in writing to provide a comparable new motor vehicle or a refund of the full purchase price plus any sales tax, finance charge, amount paid by the consumer at the point of sale, and collateral costs. Upon the consumer's receipt of this writing, the manufacturer shall have until the 120th day after receiving from the consumer the form specified in sub. (8) (a) 2. to either provide the comparable new motor vehicle or the refund. During this period, the manufacturer shall exercise due diligence in locating and providing a comparable new motor vehicle. If the manufacturer agrees to provide a comparable new motor vehicle, the manufacturer retains the right to provide the refund if no comparable new motor vehicle exist or cannot be delivered within this 120-day period. This subdivision applies only with respect to heavy-duty vehicles.
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218.0171 (2) (cq) Upon payment of a refund to a consumer under par. (b) 2. b.
or (cg) 1. or 2., the manufacturer shall provide to the consumer a written statement
that specifies the trade–in amount previously applied under s. $77.51(12\text{m})(b)5.$ or
6. or (15b) (b) 5. or 6. toward the sales price of the motor vehicle having the
nonconformity and the date on which the manufacturer provided the refund.
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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 200

June 11, 2013 - Offered by Representative KRAMER.

ending with "section." on line 13

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1. Page 2, line 8: after "vehicle" insert and that has been subject to an attempt to repair under sub. (2) (a) on at least 2 occasions (3)

2. Page 4, line 1: on lines 1 and 14, delete "no" and substitute "a".

3. Page 4, line 2: on lines 2 and 15, delete "exists" and substitute "does not exist".

4. Page 5, line 11: delete the material beginning with "A manufacturer" and

(END)

At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ARG:

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August 15, 2013

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